Power Generation Capacity in Southern Region

1196. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(b) whether NTPC has plans to double its generation capacity in the Southern Region to 6500 MW by the end of the 10th plan;

(b) what is the existing capacity in the southern region by NTPC;

(b) what is the average generation of power in this region by NTPC;

(b) what are the reasons for the slow addition of capacity by NTPC in the Southern Region; and

(b) the details of steps being proposed to be taken to increase capacity by NTPC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) As against the existing installed capacity of 2450 MW of NTPC stations in the Southern region, NTPC has plans to add 3500 MW capacity for the benefit of Southern StatesUTs by the end of the 10th Plan period as per details given below:

Project	Location	Capacity (MW)	Implementation Schedule-Present Status
1	2	3	4
I. Approved/Ongoing Projects			
Simhadri	Andhra Pradesh	1000 (2x500 MW)	Unit I: March, 2002 Unit II: Dec, 2002 work is progressing as per schedule.

1	2	3	4
Talcher STPP II	Orissa	2000 (4x500 MW)	Unit I: Nov., 2003 Unit II: Aug., 2004 Unit III: May, 2005 Unit IV: Feb., 2006 Work is progressing as per schedule.
II. CEA cleared Projects			
Ramagundam STPP-III	Andhra Pradesh	500 (1x500 MW)	CEA conveyed TEC on 1.10.99, Bidding for main plant equipment is under process. Envisaged to yield benefits in 10th Plan Period.

TPP: Thermal Power Project STPP: Super Thermal Power Project CEA: Central Electricity Authority TEC: Tcchno-Economic Clearance CCPP: Combined Cycle Power Project

In addition to the above, NTPC is exploring the possibility of setting up State II Expansion of Kayamkulam CCPP (1950 MW tentative) based on LNG for yielding benefits during the Xlth Plan period.

In view of above, it is clear that the capacity addition by NTPC in the Southern Region is not slow.

Rural Electrification in Orissa

1197. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) by when all the villages of Orissa would be electrified;

(a) whether any time period and Year-wis« target has been fixed in this regard; and

(a) the amount released by Government for rural electrification of Orissa during the years of 1998-99, 1999-2000?